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1653. July 6. Worcester House. **24.** Order by the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries that Sir John Wollaston, and the treasurers for moneys from the sale of Crown lands exempted by former Acts, pay 1,953*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* to the Navy Treasurer, Rich. Hutchinson, for the navy. Receipted 9 July. [1⅛ *page.*]

July 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Anne Robbins, widow, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

2. Desborow, Moyer, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to receive the account of Mr. Scott's disbursements for intelligence, and report.

3. Strickland and Stapley to be a Committee to confer with a person employed in foreign parts by Capt. Bishop, and to learn what money is due to him for service.

5. Major Bishop, Mr. Carter, and others apprehended on suspicion of being coiners of false money, to be committed to the Serjeant-at-arms to be carried to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to be examined by him, and disposed of according to a reference to him and others appointed a Committee for that business.

6. To write to the commanders of the ships lately come out of the Straits, viz., the Freeman, Northumberland, Bendish, Loyalty, Smyrna, and Vivian, to come into the Lee Road, and send their prizes up the river, to be disposed of by the Commissioners for Prize Goods.

7. Order, on report of the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries, that Council approve of their settling allowances upon their clerk and door-keeper, and they are to consider out of what treasury the money may be paid, and report.

8. To signify to the Lords Deputies of the States General residing here, that Council have under consideration the paper sent by them, in answer to theirs delivered at the last conference, and they shall suddenly receive Council's resolution thereupon.

11. The business of the fleet to be considered first thing to-morrow afternoon. All members in or about town to attend.

12. The Committee for Whitehall to provide lodgings for Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper and Col. Montague.

13. Order, on petition of the inhabitants of Havardstock, Essex, appointing Martin Simpson as their minister, Council being satisfied of his gifts and godly conversation, and the sequestered rectory, on removal of Edw. Duke (to whom it was assigned by the late Committee for Plundered Ministers) having been committed to several of the inhabitants and landholders, to present a minister.

14. The revenue of Scotland arising from assessments, customs, the late King's revenue, sequestration, or otherwise, to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief there, for making needful fortifications, and also by way of loan account, for supply of the army and forces for preventing free quarter, and for the carrying on public services in Scotland.

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July 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

15. The Commander-in-Chief in Scotland to issue out moneys for the administration of justice in Scotland, and paying other salaries there, till 1 November next. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 19–22.]

July 7. Declaration that Council is satisfied concerning the gifts and abilities of Major Wm. Packer, Capts. Jos. Strange, John Spencer, and Thos. Impson, Quartermaster Foxley, and Wm. Kiffin, to preach the Gospel, and that the public exercise thereof will be of great use in the Church, they being eminent for godliness, and that therefore they may have free use of any pulpits to preach in, as the Lord gives opportunity, those places being not to be used at the same time by their own ministers. [*I.* 70, *p.* 23.]

July 7. Declaration that—as Baron Sterlich has propounded to Council a way to raise a large sum without charging the people, and will discover it if he can be assured of a fit reward, in case they approve and use his project,—he and his heirs shall receive four per cent. out of the money so raised; and if Counsel do not approve it, it shall not be revealed nor used without his consent, unless the knowledge of it is had some other way. [*I.* 70, *p.* 23.]

July 7. Whitehall. Like declaration in favour of the Baron of St. Lambert, who propounds a way to raise 1,600,000*l.* in three months, that he shall receive 20,000*l.* reward. [*I.* 70, *p.* 24.]

July 7. Queen Street. **25.** Rich. Brooke to John Thurloe. I have searched the papers of the office, but cannot find that any such ship as the Grimani was ever taken or came to the account of the State; it may have been taken and sold privately, as there are many of that nature. There were a large quantity of looking glasses imported last winter, which were disposed of by order of the Council or Navy Committee, but they came in the Great St. Mark, which among the best Italians I cannot find to signify Grimani; they were without frames, and seeing the spoil that was made of them, I sent them up to the office. There is a ship called the Green Man in the office, and if the name be mistaken for that, you shall receive a further account. This is all I can do unless I had more power. [¾ *page.*]

July 7. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **26.** General Geo. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Mr. Blackborne has been on board with your messages, and I have given him my thoughts thereon, which he will communicate to you. [⅓ *page.*]

July 7. 6 p.m., Walderswick. **27.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. This morning I got on board the Resolution, and as far as time would admit, ascertained the state of the fleet, and have come ashore to visit General Blake. I hope the ships come in to be refitted at Harwich will be ready next week. The victualling is very bad, and the excessive charge of the victualling ships will appear when that account is made up. Mr. Blackborne, Mr. Pett, and Capt. Limbrey have arrived. [1 *page.*]